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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 6, 2007, please amend the application as follows:

**Status Prior to Amendment** is on page 2.

**Remarks/Conclusion** begin on page 3 of this paper.

## **STATUS PRIOR TO RESPONSE**

The above-captioned patent application is pending. Claim 15 is pending in the application.

Claim 15 is rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Lane (U.S. Patent No. 4,756,265).